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Website of the week

www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

THE LAWSON TRIO, pictured below, will be performing at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House this evening (Friday October 22nd) at 7.30pm - tickets £12.

The Meeting House website details the many exhibitions - eight in just four months for their autumn programme - and performances that are featured at this jewel in Ilminster's crown.

Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House needs support to keep it alive and active. The organisation is self-supporting and receives no public funding towards running costs. Join as a 'Friend of the Meeting House' and help secure this wonderful centre for present and future generations.

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The Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House could not function without its loyal group of volunteers. They are forever grateful for the time and commitment the volunteers provide, and are always on the lookout for more. If you think you could help and would like to be part of the wonderful, friendly team please contact the Arts Centre to find out how.

Prestigious award for local dairy farmer

TOP DAIRY MAN: Neil Baker, Dairy Farmer of the Year 2010

By Marion Draper

A FOURTH generation farmer from Haselbury Plucknett near Crewkerne has won Dairy Farmer of the Year at the Farmer's Weekly Awards held at The Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Neil Baker, 38, of Rushywood Farm, Haselbury Plucknett, was judged as a finalist for the Dairy Farmer of the Year for his 1,000 cow herd, having impressed the judges with his high standards of health and animal welfare.

He has doubled his production in the last five years and having just had extra sheds built by local firm P H Hardwill Limited and renting more space at Hinton Park Farm, he now has room for 1,200 animals.

The sheds are very open and airy and the cows sleep on sand which is comfortable and easy to clean up.

A third of the milk is processed on-farm into 270 tonnes of vintage cheese per year, which is sold in Tesco, Marks & Spencer and Waitrose, under their own labels.

Mr Baker is keen that pressure be put on the supermarkets to state where their products come from, so people know when their milk, cheese and meat is local. "It's their branding and our taste that sells the product," he said.

Mr Baker was very pleased to have been recognised for his work and said he thought the judges preferred farmers who did a bit more with their milk.

Mr Baker's father bought the farm in 1966 with a cheese plant already included. Rushywood covers 1,500 acres, half in Haselbury and half in Yeovil.

Mr Baker said he was pleased to see British production being celebrated when an average of ten producers a week have gone out of business over the last 40 years.

He said: "So little dairy is produced here now, every year consumption rises and production goes down. People think that big dairies like this put the little guys out of business, but there is room for a hundred like this and small businesses as well.

"It is a lot of stress and a lot of investment but if you do it right it can be very rewarding both in terms of satisfaction and financially."

Commenting on the weather this season, Mr Baker said he had so much grass this autumn, he was still cutting much needed silage after a poor spring. He couldn't remember ever having cut grass in October before.

Crewkernenews

Railway fans turn out in force

THE RAILWAY 150th anniversary exhibition 'Steam to Diesel' was the most success ful to date at the museum in Crewkerne.

Visitor figures doubled in September and there is no doubt that this has been one of the most popular displays for a long time.

Exhibitions are already being planned for next year and the trustees welcome ideas from the public that they would enjoy visiting.

Mini window displays for local organisations will also be continued , so please contact the museum if you have something to celebrate.

Spooky days at the museum

CREWKERNE and District Museum will be holding half term Halloween activities, pumpkins to hunt for in the galleries, spider biscuits to decorate and spooky things to make.

Families are welcome to visit the museum and take part in these activities for free.

The museum is open Wednesday-Friday 10.30am-4pm and on Saturdays 10.30am-1pm. Telephone 01460 77079 or crewkernemuseum@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.crewkernemuseum.co.uk

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Talking about the sourcing of food

SOUTH Somerset Green Party will be hosting a talk by Quentin Clark, who is head of sustainability and ethical sourcing at Waitrose.
The talk takes place at the Henhayes Centre, Crewkerne on Wednesday, November 17th from 7.30pm. If you are interested in where your food comes from, concerned about climate change and looking for high animal welfare standards this is a chance to talk to the company judged as the UK's Compassionate Supermarket of 2010.

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Halloween entertainment

HALLOWEEN will be coming to the Speedwell Hall in Crewkerne on Wednesday, October 27th, from 10am to 11.30am when the Toy Library will hold a fancy dress competition with prizes for the best three.

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Cooking up a treat

■ CHILDREN taking part in Kidzcraft at Crewkerne Methodist Church enjoyed a variation to the usual harvest festival activities when they followed the theme of Jesus saying "I am the vine".
They made biscuits with purple leaf patterns a collage and their own little prayer books.
Pictured are Harry and Thomas Pocock making tasty treats.

Wearing it pink for cancer campaign

■ DOING THEIR BIT FOR OTHERS: Members of the Manor Court School Council

THE school council at Manor Court Community Primary in Chard decided to support the Breast Cancer campaign, Wear it Pink Fundraiser by having a pink Friday on October 15th.

They encourgaed everyone at school to wear something pink for the day and donate some money to the charity.

Manor Court have become regular supporters of the charity since one of their own suffered from the disease some time ago.

Year three and school council teacher Geri Coombe said: "It's a day that everyone at Manor Court enjoys. It's an ideal opportunity to inspire young people to be creative and learn what science can achieve. There are around 550,000 people in the UK living with breast cancer, but the money raised by the Breast Cancer Campaign is already saving lives."

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Hurry up and get the kettle on Angie! Birthday Cake and Coffee, love all the girls in the kitchen

Shane & Natalie, Congratulations from all of the family. Gorgeous little girl Rozie Ann Dunne

Happy Birthday Angie Churchill. Mum have a lovely day, Love Vicki, Simon, Sapphire and Millie xxx

15 — Kyran Tanner Happy 15th Birthday 23rd October, With love from Nan and Grandad xxx

40 — Happy 40th Birthday Kevin. Love always, Lee and the girls xxx

13 — Joseph Caines, Happy 13th Birthday Jojo! Have fun on Dartmoor! Love Mum, Dad and all the family xxx

Chloe Hutchings Happy 18th Birthday on 22nd October! Have a great day. Love from Nan and Les xxx

Happy Birthday Mum (Angie) Lots of Love Melissa and Eddie xxx

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Guides give thanks for 100 years

By Marion Draper

CREWKERNE and District Guides met for a special celebration service at St Bartholomew's church in Crewkerne last Sunday.

The event marked the last week of the centenary which culminated in the whole movement renewing their promise on Wednesday October 20th at the same time 20.10 on the date 20.10 in the year 2010.

There was a short parade by representatives from the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, some dressed in Guiding uniforms of yesteryear.

The service began with the congregation singing 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' as the Reverend Michael Gallagher received the flags.

County Commissioner Barbara Dale addressed the assembly with a speech about girls in the lead and the Reverend Gallagher talked about women in the Bible, before the girls paraded their uniforms through the years.

Commissioner Dale had composed a special centenary song that was first used at the centenary celebration in Wells Cathedral in July. The final verse referred to the vision the movement has for the future as the Guides move with the times.

There were also readings of a poem 'Look to This Day' written by the County Commissioner of 1987, Sheila Smart, which mentioned the splendour of achievement and tomorrow being a vision of hope.

Guiding was formed at a time when there were few educational opportunities for girls who often left school a 14. Guiding not only encouraged knowledge and exploration, but service to others.

The last reading for the celebration was the final message of their founder Lady Baden-Powell which ends: "I give thanks daily for the dawn of each new day with its opportunities of service."

Crewkerne and District Guides would like to thank the Reverend Gallagher for allowing them to celebrate in the church.

On Wednesday, October 20th they all congregated at Maiden Beech School to renew their promise together at exactly ten minutes past eight in the evening as part of the worldwide vision event.

■ PAST AND PRESENT: Crewkerne and District Guides parade in uniforms new and old

■ GUIDES OF YESTERYEAR: Guides wearing uniforms from the beginning of the movement

■ PROUD TO PARADE: Brownies march forth

■ NEWEST ON PARADE: The Rainbows, a new addition since the days of Baden Powell

Coin collection with a difference

STREET COLLECTION: 1st Ilton and Broadway Scouts with their fleur de lis of coins. They also had a tombola and display of camp activities in the Market House Ilminster. They were raising money to send one of their explorer scouts to Jamboree in Sweden and for general equipment for all. They would like to thank everyone who donated.

THE VOICES OF ANGELS: St Bartholomew's school choir sing for the partially sighted

Children's choir delights audience

by Marion Draper

CHILDREN from St Bartholomew's Church of England First School Choir, in Crewkerne, performed for a social group organised by Somerset Sight at the Henhayes Centre.

Led by teaching assistant Alice Samuel, the choir had only been practising for four weeks and sang beautifully without music.

The youngsters greeted their audience by saying good afternoon in several languages and explained how they had been learning the songs that people sang during the war to keep their spirits up.

They rolled out old favourites such as You are my Sunshine, Bicycle made for two and Run Rabbit Run.

The social afternoons for the visually impaired are held at the Henhayes Centre on the second Tuesday of the month for entertainment in various forms and light refreshments.

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Tesco 'summer' fun day for CLIC

TESCO Ilminster held a "Summer Fun Weekend", inspite of the chilly autumn weather, with staff joining in by wearing summery clothes to work to raise money for their charity of the year CLIC Sargent.

With the help of an exercise bike from Ilminster Fitness Centre, staff took turns to cycle their way the equivalent distance from Tesco in Ilminster to Lands End (154 Miles). They said it was hard work but they managed to get there and even the store manager Martin Medland took part.

A few brave members of staff also agreed to have their heads shaved by Rachael Balantyne and one even had his legs waxed.

Thanks to the generosity of their customers they collected £650.

HEADING FOR LANDS END: Tesco Ilminster store manager Martin Medland pedalling for charity

Holiday for ex-serviceman

ILMINSTER Lions were recently able to arrange a break for an ex-serviceman and his wife.

Edward and Audrey Cox had a holiday in September at a Lions Hotel in Jersey, arranged specially for wounded ex-service people.

Mr Cox served in Suez back in the 1950s and still experiences related health issues. His name was put forward by John Goodall of Ilminster Royal British Legion and the local Lions nominated him for the holiday.

While there, Mr and Mrs Cox met the Red Arrows team as well as enjoying all sorts of other events, organised by the Jersey Lions.

Emergency services visit school

AS part of National Fire Safety Week the children of Buckland St Mary Primary School had the opportunity to meet some of the emergency services.

A fire engine from Chard fire station with its crew visited the school.

The crew showed the children the equipment and explained how they tackled the emergencies they were called to and the delighted youngsters got a chance to climb aboard and squirt the hose.

There was also a visit from an ambulance, manned by Patrick Riley, husband of the schools piano teacher, who showed the children around his vehicle.

He took the childrens' blood pressure, connected them up to the ECG machine and attended to many fictitious brakes and injuries.

Ben Samways, the community police officer will also be visiting the school over the next couple weeks.

A representative from the air ambulance visited on Monday, October 12th to talk to the children in assembly and to receive a cheque for £105, which was raised after the school's running club took part in a charity run at Culmhead in aid of the charity.

HELPING THE WOUNDED: Paramedic Patrick Riley showing the children how to treat a casualty

Step back in time for Buckland St Mary pupils

BUCKLAND St Mary C of E Primary School year three and four children had a visit from Toby Stok, of the museum service who came dressed in character as a WWII soldier.

He showed children artefacts, let them try on clothes of the day, experiencing what it was like being an evacuee and even let them try out a stirrup pump.

The children had a fabulous time and learnt an enormous amount from the resources and items that they made.

One pupil named Josh said: "It was brilliant, I loved squirting the stirrup pump, but I don't think we would have put the fire out very quickly. The gas mask was quite scary to wear and it made it very difficult to breathe."

LEARNING BY DOING: Buckland St Mary Primary school children used museum resources

HOW IT WORKS: Chard firefighters show pupils how their equipment works

Ashcroft gets new play area

MEMBERS of the Ashcroft residents association with councillor Garry Shortland (centre) and Adrian Moore, Play & Youth Facilities Officer (right)

RESIDENTS of Ashcroft in Chard are looking forward to a long awaited upgrade to their play area, following a recent site meeting.

Members of the Ashcroft Residents' Association met with councillor Garry Shortland and Adrian Moore, Play and Youth Facilities Officer from South Somerset District Council to discuss the suggested changes.

Currently the green area which is next to the key development site, has a small amount of out dated play equipment within a low fenced area.

Funding of £12,500 is available from the town council which is being match funded by the district council and the residents group are also applying for any other funding they can find.

Tracey Berry, chair of the residents' association was pleased with the idea of a track around the outer edge of the area for young children to practise their bike riding in a safe environment.

Mr Moore explained how the specialist rubber matting beneath the play equipment was designed to teach the children life skills, that by falling and getting a bump, without serious injury they learn about risk.

He said that although the play area was aimed at the younger children, they were keen to maintain a football area by putting up posts without crossbars which would reduce the rebound sound.

Councillor Garry Shortland said: "It is quite ambitious, we want the project finished by March. It is not fair on Ashcroft, they have waited far too many years. Now the funding is in position it is prudent we get started as soon as possible.

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CRAFTY WORK: Blake Street and Lisa-Marie Fawley enjoy their first visit with Harriet Hoskyns and Roseann Harvey

NORTH Perrott fruit farm has become well known for its apple tasting day.

Visitors were able to taste the 25 named varieties of apple and pear juices all made on the farm and sample the flesh before buying.

Families enjoyed strolling through the orchard to "pick their own" while those less able could fill their baskets from the pre-picked selections inside the farm shop.

There were also crafts on display and the children could paint their own apple to be put on a hand print tree collage and displayed in the shop.

With all the talk about carbon emissions and food miles, North Perrott Fruit Farm are proud that their apples and pears only having to travel a half mile from orchard to shop, representing the very best of what local produce should be.

NATURAL JUICE: Daisy and Lucy try the Spartan apple juice at North Perrott Fruit Farm

Become a walk leader

FRESH AND FRIENDLY: Elaine Labrom(right) leading a health walk in Broadway

SOUTH Somerset District Council is offering free health walk leader training on Tuesday, November 4th at the council offices in Brympton Way, Yeovil.

It is aimed at helping volunteers to gain the confidence and knowledge required to set up and lead successful walks in their own communities.

Cheryl Lingard, Healthy Lifestyles Officer at South Somerset District Council commented: "The workshop will teach participants how to plan a route, assess risk, report accidents and learn about the benefits and barriers to exercise.

"I would urge people to come along and take part in the course.

"It is a fun day, people don't need any specific qualifications to undertake the training, just an interest in walking and the benefits it can bring to peoples' health."

Elaine Labrom completed health walk leader training and has now gone on to lead a successful walking group in Broadway, near Ilminster.

She said: "Being a Health Walk Leader is great fun, keeps you fit and gives you back so much more than you put in. The organisational requirements really are minimal.

"Route research takes you to places you might not otherwise explore and the rewards of sharing that with others who might not walk if the group didn't exist is priceless."

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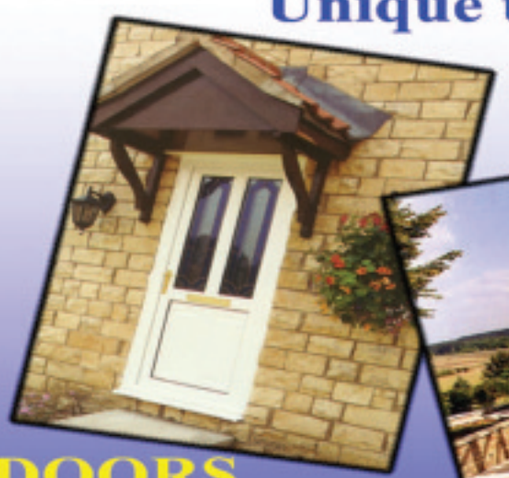

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Mark wins top vet award

LOCAL vet Mark Burnell, has been named Livestock Advisor of the Year in the Farmer's Weekly Awards.

A founding partner of Synergy Farm Health, which operates from practices in Evershot, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Taunton, Chard, Martock, Bridport and Bere Regis, Mr Burnell works in conjunction with the Kingfisher practises in Crewkerne, Chard and Martock and was instrumental in spearheading a different approach to vet services in Dorset, Somerset and East Devon.

Already a partner in a smaller practice, including six farm vets, he and his colleagues agreed to merge with the farming arm of another practice to combine talents and resources and create Synergy Farm Health.

With a team of 17 farm vets in total, Synergy Farm Health is focused more on advice and less on commission from the sales of medicines.

To free the vets up and allow them to concentrate on consultative services, Synergy also employs three Suitably Qualified Persons able to dispense and prescribe certain medicines such as wormers and fly control products.

In addition a further five paraprofessionals are employed to undertake foot trimming, to offer a heifer rearing service, to carry out freeze branding, dis-budding and mobility scoring, as well as to provide general assistance with cattle handling operations such as TB testing or vaccinating using the practice's own handling system.

Mr Burnell said: "We are dedicated to ensuring that our clients receive the highest possible standard of support, and in order to achieve this we have structured our practice in a way that gives our vets the maximum amount of time to actively provide consultancy and advice."

A BETTER SERVICE: Mark Burnell Livestock Advisor of the Year

by Marion Draper

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Opera talk for NDFAS

FORMER BBC Chief Producer (Features), Daniel Snowman, an author, lecturer and social historian, was recently the guest lecturer at a meeting of the Neroche Decorative and Fine Arts Society, held at Seavington Millennium Hall.

The subject, on which Mr Snowman spoke, was The Gilded Stage: a social and cultural history of opera.

He outlined the birth of opera in late Renaissance Italy and its development through the court of the Sun King, Louis XIV, at Versailles and then onto Handel's London, Mozart's Vienna, Verdi's Italy, Wagner's Germany and finally the worldwide spread of opera in the 20th century.

In his wide ranging talk, Mr Snowman also talked about the patronage of the arts, the changing nature of audiences, theatrical architecture and stage design and the impact of such new technologies as electric lighting, photography and film.

For more information about Neroche DFAS please contact Julie Fowler on (01460) 54007 and visit the next meeting on Monday, November 1st from 7.45pm at Seavington Millennium Hall.

60 seconds

FOR 17 years Aaron Driver has been advising Ilminster diners on their choice of wine from his shop, Cornhill Wines In Silver Street.

Once a chef at Combe House near Honiton, Aaron decided he was never going to be one of the great chefs but knew he had a good palate for wine and decided to follow his passion, opening the shop in June 1993.

Not wanting to leave his cooking skills dormant, he has been holding themed tasting evenings with the help of Mike's fish and veg shop and Bonners the butchers, the most recent being a taste of Chile which was so popular they had to hold a second one in the Minster Rooms.

WHAT do you like about Ilminster?
My wife, she is from Ilminster. There is something special about the town.
When I was looking for a place to set up shop, I drove around for hours and still came back to Ilminster. In the time I have been here, the shops have not really changed, some have changed ownership but they have not changed in essence.

WHAT is your favourite wine?
My true passion is for sweet white wine from Europe, no chemicals, just made from pure grape juice.
A lot of people don't realise that when they drink and have a bit of a headache or a hangover, they think it was because it was a cheap wine, but it is more to do with the preservatives and added sugar used in the production.

YOU are not just a wine shop though are you?
No and I try to stock as much local produce as possible. Nearly all the beers are from Somerset and the ciders are all local as well as Somerset Cider Brandy.
After 17 years I have got to know what people like and what they don't want is new world wines and chemicals.

WHAT do you like to cook?
I like classic French cuisine and I enjoy experimenting. I'm cooking with the children at Hambridge School. We started five-weeks-ago with the years sixes and hope as more parents get involved we can expand it to the other years.
It worries me when you put a pile of vegetables on the table and ask the children what they are and they don't know.

WHICH well-known people would you like at your dining table?
I would like to meet Gordon Ramsey and Jamie Oliver for their food expertise and Hugh Johnson and Oz Clarke for wine. I think getting them all round a dinner table would be an absolute ball.

HAVE you travelled in pursuit of your passion?
Yes until recently I made about four trips a year to vineyards and next year I am hoping to go to Chile. The whole country is organic but they cannot afford the labelling to say so. The unique climate means they produce a consistent standard throughout the country, rather than being regional. I want to go to a country which is little known but produces quality over quantity.

WHAT would you like to have on your desert island?
A glass which was never empty and a big cinema screen sized TV with a supply of Pink Panther films. Also books, I couldn't be without my books, Wilbur Smith and some cook books about living off the land.

HOW do you relax in your spare time?
I play five a side football every Thursday evening with a group of like-minded older people at Crewkerne Sports Centre at Wadham, it is a great source of exercise.

CAN you give an example of a good easy meal?
My wife is vegetarian and the kids were brought up vegetarian until they were old enough to choose whether they wanted to eat meat or not. Now they do eat meat and a family favourite is pasta and meatballs.

DO you have any unfulfilled ambitions?
Yes, I would love to take a year off and go to Egypt and do archaeology with the whole family. I have always liked artefacts and am forever going to museums and churches.
My son and his grandfather have made a book on the churches of the diocese. Vineyards were all based around churches and festivals.

IS there anything you think Ilminster needs?
I would like to have recreational facilities like they do in Crewkerne and Chard, we are all paying the same rates so I don't see why we can't have what they have.

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Great year for Bringing Home the Bacon

By Marion Draper

DONYATT pig farmer Anna Mogford is celebrating ever-increasing interest in her specialist bacon and sausages company, Bringing Home the Bacon and has won an array of food awards this year.

Anna, a trained butcher from a farming family, gained a BTEC First in Agriculture and the National Certificate in Agriculture. She has worked on many pig farms in the UK and abroad and has worked as a meat inspector.

She has plenty of room to expand her pig rearing enterprise and the news that Parshall's Farm, which was one of the Somerset county farms under review, will now not be sold from under her, means she can forge ahead.

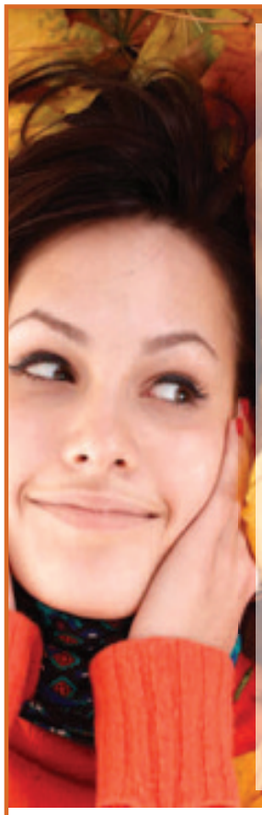
Recently Anna has come to an arrangement with Mole Valley Farmers, who are now stocking her award-winning bacon and sausages in selected stores across the South West. She buys her weaners locally and they are slaughtered at Snells abattoir near Chard so the food miles are low and she is keen on recycled and natural packaging, using wool as insulation for her mail order sales.

Anna said: "I'm very excited about my products being listed by Mole Valley Farmers, which is the leading supplier in the region of high quality farm produce and materials. It's been a great year for the business so far, winning a number of prestigious awards at the Great Taste Awards and Taste of the West Awards. The listing with Mole Valley Farmers helps to underline the quality and great taste of the Bringing Home the Bacon products."

Anna visited a number of Mole Valley Farmers stores, including branches in Frome, South Molton and Newton Abbot, as part of Mole Valley Farmers' recent Great Taste event and enjoyed being able to chat to customers, offering them the opportunity to sample some of her delicious, high quality products.

Caroline Burrows, Mole Valley Farmers Food & Drink Product Manager, commented: "Mole Valley Farmers are pleased to include Bringing Home the Bacon's award winning produce in our range of fresh, quality, local food. The awards that Anna Mogford has received are well deserved and highlight the hard work and effort that goes into every sausage and rasher."

■ HAPPY FARMER: Anna Mogford with her free range pigs



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BIG DRAW draws in a crowd

■ THUMBS UP FOR ART: Lucy Pearner of the Somerset Emerging artist network

By Marion Draper

THE MEETING House Arts Centre in Ilminster was buzzing with scribblers of all ages as the community joined in the Big Draw.

Local schools joined in with the event by taking part in drawing and painting on a huge cardboard carpet, friezes for the wall and three dimensional cardboard buildings made by members of the Somerset Emerging Artist Network.

In the art gallery and café area there were options to sit and scribble while enjoying a coffee, by decorating two dimensional cardboard mugs, jugs and teapots to be hung on a dresser or to make a drawing by embellishing a thumbprint.

Visitors could buy a draw ticket for a pound which would give them the chance to win one of the thumbprints works.

Everyone was enjoying the fun, even some who said they would not take part, soon found they couldn't resist the urge to doodle.

October 2010 is Big Draw month in 20 countries and on five continents. Launched in 2000, this annual initiative has grown from 180 events in the UK to over 1,500 worldwide.

■ CANDY COTTAGE: Iona Davis and Ella Read

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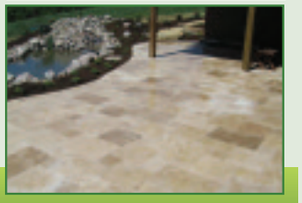

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Food for thought at harvest festival

by Marion Draper

MISTERTON Church of England First School children gave an environmental twist to their presentation for the harvest service at St Leonard's Church.

The year four children talked about the ingredients of a supermarket pizza and how far they had to travel from the different countries that produced them, from the tomatoes of Italy right down to the black pepper of India.

Their message was that the average pizza from around the corner had actually travelled about 600 miles and they illustrated their tale with pictures they had drawn.

Headteacher Carol Will said they had really given everyone something to think about and The Reverend Jonathan Morris said he would never be able to look at a pizza in quite the same light again.

He added that the story illustrated how important other people in the world are to each other.

It was a charming service with even the pre-school children coming to the front to sing the dingle dangle scarecrow.

Reception children performed scarecrow scarecrow turn around, year three presented what harvest is all about, and year one and two said the harvest poem. The whole school turned to sing Cauliflowers Fluffy to their families and The Reverend Morris led the prayers.

A collection of food and donations went to the harvest supper which was in aid of the Pakistan flood relief fund.

SCARECROW TURN AROUND: Misterton First School year reception children

SINGING ALONG: Year one and two give thanks

PACKED CHURCH: Misterton School at St Leonard's Church

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Year four talk about food miles

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THE LAWSON TRIO AT THE MEETING HOUSE

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The Trio comprises Fenella Humphreys (violin), Rebecca Knight (cello) and Annabelle Lawson (piano).

They will be performing Mendelssohn Trio No1 in D minor, Liszt Tristia, La Vallée d'Obermann, Schubert Notturno D897 and Schumann Trio No3 in G minor.

Tickets for the concert, starting 7.30pm, cost £12. For more information call the Meeting House on 01460 54973 or visit www.concertsinthewest.org

Going Out Theatre

Chard Light Operatic Society present The Music Man

CHARD Light Operatic Society (CLOS) has been successfully running in Chard for 48 years and will be presenting one of the Top 10 musicals of all time - The Music Man - at Holyrood Academy from Tueday, October 26th to Friday, October 29th at 7.30pm nightly.

This is a big production that needs a big stage - hence the return to Holyrood after a gap of around 40 years. Renowned local soprano and CLOS President, Helen Webber has also persuaded into a leading character role, so people will see her as she's never been seen before!

Nick Lawrence will be directing the performance, and Jo Wilson-Hunt is in charge of choreography.

This multi award-winning musical has not been seen in this area for some considerable time and is the full Broadway production, featuring all the famous songs including 'Seventy Six Trombones', 'Lida Rose', 'Till There Was You' and 'Shipoopi'.

Tickets for The Music Man, cost £7.50 (students/OAPs £6, children £5), and are available from Barron's, Holyrood Street, Chard.

Going Out Gigs

Magnetic Men

DUBSTEP supergroup and current posterboys Magnetic Men will be bringing their thumping bass and stomping beats to Bristol's Trinity Centre on Thursday (October 28th). The gig is from 7pm - 10pm.

The Magnetic Men collective comprising DJs Benga, Skream and Artwork have recently released their self titled debut album, and it is proving a mainstream crossover hit.

Tickets for the gig are £12, contact the venue on 0117 935 1200 for more details or bookings.

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Going Out Theatre

A visit from Dickens' Ghosts

PAUL Lehmann created Footloose Theatre in 1998 to bring classic stories to the theatre in an innovative and exciting format. The Company's first two shows, Dickens' Ghosts and The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, have toured successfully throughout the UK to both public and critical acclaim. These one-man shows, performed by Paul, combine the best in physical theatre with the timeless art of storytelling. Through a fusion of voice, physicality and powerful visual imagery, the rich variety of characters found in the writings of Charles Dickens and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle burst into life on stage.

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And visit *The Signalman* as he keeps his lonely vigil at the mouth of the remote railway tunnel. Is the shadowy figure by the lantern part of his overworked imagination or something more sinister? Discover the truth in the shattering conclusion to the story.

Tickets for the performance at The Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster on Wednesday, October 27th, are £10.00 and are available from Lanes Garden Shop, Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm and by calling 07502 189717 for the theatre Box Office.

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

AFRICA United [12A] is the extraordinary story of three Rwandan kids who walk 3000 miles to the World Cup in South Africa. Using a sack load of ingenuity and sass (and a World Cup wall chart for a map), the pint-sized protagonists set off through the endless horizons of Africa in pursuit of an unlikely dream. And as they walk they gather a tribe - a ragamuffin team - of broken and brilliant characters who help them negotiate a way through a series of glorious, dangerous, hilarious and often bizarre situations. Through these kids, we will encounter an Africa few people ever get to see; experience the hard reality of an epic walk through seven countries; as well as the joy, laughter and hope - 'the ubuntu' - that comes from making an incredible journey together.

Released Friday, October 22nd

EASY A [15] sees clean cut high school girl Olive's (*Superbad's* Emma Stone) life paralleling Hester Prynne's in "The Scarlet Letter," which she is currently studying in school, after a little white lie about losing her virginity gets out. That is until she decides to use the rumor mill to advance her social and financial standing. The film is a nod to 80s John Hughes films such as *The Breakfast Club*, and has a witty, clever script, making it more than an average teen comedy.

Released Friday, October 22nd

WITH voice overs from Hayden Panettiere, Danny Glover and Dennis Hopper, animated adventure ***Alpha and Omega*** [U] (In 3D where available) is an enjoyable kids flick.

In Jasper National Park, the wolves, Kate and

Humphrey, have known each other since puppyhood, but they are on the oppose ends of the Western Pack's social structure with Kate as the energetic Alpha daughter of the pack leader and Humphrey being the good humoured Omega. That social structure forces Kate to accept an arranged marriage with Garth of the Eastern Pack to unite the packs for peace, regardless of Humphrey's hopeless attraction for her. Before that union can occur, Kate and Humphrey are captured by the park's rangers and sent to an Idaho park as part of a wolf repopulation project. Mindful of her duties, Kate is determined to return to Jasper and Humphrey offers to help with the assistance of two odd geese. However, as this disparate pair struggle through the dangers to get home, a growing mutual appreciation of their talents and then a deeper love threatens to disastrously complicate everything if they make it back.

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Vampires Suck [12A]
Daily: 12.50, 15.00, 17.20, 19.30, 21.40
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps [12A] Daily: 19.50
Alpha & Omega *in 3D* [U]
Fri: 13.30, 15.40, 18.00
Sat: 11.10, 13.30
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Life As We Know It [12A]
Fri-Wed: 17.40, 20.20
The Other Guys [12A]
Fri-Wed: 20.10
Burke and Hare [TBC]
Wed & hu: 18.25, 20.50
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Thu: 18.10, 19.10, 20.30, 21.30
Boris Godunov [TBC] Sat: 17.00
Paranormal Activity 2 [15]
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Africa United [12A]
Daily: 15.30, 17.50, 20.00
Legends of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole *in 3D* [PG]
Daily: 13.40, 16.00, 18.20, 20.40
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Ramona and Beezus [U]
Daily: 13.10, Plus Sat-Thu: 10.50
Red [12A]
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Despicable Me *in 2D* [U]
Fri:14.40, 17.00
Sat-Tue: 12.20, 14.40, 17.00
Wed & Thu: 12.20, 14.40
Marmaduke [U] Sat-Thu: 10.30
Tooth Fairy [PG] Sat: 10.20
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs *in 2D* [U] Sat: 10.00
Race To Witch Mountain [PG]
Sat: 10.10

Going Out Gigs

Soler Flare

● Electro-pop new boys Fenech-Soler play at Bristol's Thekla on Monday (October 25th).
The band, on the back of the hit single 'Lies' recently released their self-titled debut album to critical acclaim.
The gig starts at 7pm, and tickets are only £6.50. Telephone 0844 412 46 42 or visit ents24.com for tickets.

Staying In TV

French and Saunders returning

FRENCH AND SAUNDERS TEAM UP AGAIN
French and Saunders are to revive their partnership - little over two years after they split.

The comedy pair will make their debut as radio presenters for three BBC Radio 2 shows over the festive season - and could land their own series.

The comics will host two-hour shows on Boxing Day, New Year's Day and January 3 with chat, comedy and music.

Radio 2 controller Bob Shennan said: "French and Saunders are one of the greatest comedy double acts of our time and I'm thrilled to be welcoming Dawn and Jennifer to the network.

"We are already discussing further projects with them and hope to keep the French and Saunders inimitable brand of humour on Radio 2 during 2011."

KAPLINSKY LEAVING FIVE
Newsreader Natasha Kaplinsky is leaving Five at the end of the year, a spokeswoman for the channel has said.

The star joined the channel in February 2008 after becoming a household name presenting the BBC Six O'Clock News bulletin and hosting flagship events including Children In Need.

Her debut immediately doubled the usual audience for Five News but just six weeks into the reported £1 million job, she announced she was expecting a baby. She announced she was pregnant again last October and gave birth to a baby girl in April.

Her contract with the channel ends in December.

CHERYL BREAKS DOWN ON LIFE STORIES
Cheryl Cole broke down during a television interview as she lifted the lid on her failed marriage and battle with malaria.

The pop star told Piers Morgan that her split from England footballer Ashley Cole had left her heartbroken. They divorced last month.

Earlier this year the singer was struck down with potentially deadly malaria, which she contracted during a trip to Tanzania.

Cheryl told the show that she felt so ill as a result of the disease that she thought she was going to die, saying: "It was touch and go for 24 hours. It was serious. I actually thought I was going to die. All I thought was that if I was going to die, please let it be soon."

The Life Stories show will be aired on October 23.

Going Out Gigs

The need for Feeder

● EVER-POPULAR Welsh rockers Feeder play at Bristol's O2 Academy on Wednesday, October 27th. Doors open 7pm, start at 7.30pm. Tickets are limited, but some are still available from viagogo.co.uk

Going Out Exhibition

Halloween Dr Who Spooktacular

DR Who battles against some extra aliens, spooky monsters and scary creatures over the October half term At Montacute TV Radio Toy Museum.

Prepare to be afraid and venture through creepy cobwebbed corridors to dodge a host of Dr Who enemies including Daleks, Cybermen, Clockworkman, Werewolf, Scarecrow, Davros and many more!

All this as well as the nostalgic collection related to your favourite TV programmes will make it a week of terrifyingly good fun to visit the TV Radio Toy Museum.

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The Halloween Spooktacular takes place from October 23rd to October 31st at Montacute TV Radio Toy Museum, 1 South Street, Montacute TA15 6XD Telephone 01935 823024 or visit www.montacutemuseum.co.uk for more details.

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weekenderlife DIARY DATES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22ND
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association AGM with cheese & wine at the Speedwell Club, from 7:30pm. Free to members and interested parties.
TATWORTH: Film: 'Invictus' at Tatworth Memorial Hall, organised by T&F Movies. Doors open 7.30pm, film from 8pm. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD
CHARD: South Somerset Peace Group are holding a Peace Vigil in Holyrood Street, from 11am-12noon.
CHARD: Cash Bingo at Crowshute House. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.15pm. Telephone 01460 63525 for more details. Transport available.

SATURDAY 23RD - SUNDAY OCTOBER 31ST
MONTACUTE: Half Term Halloween Dr Who Spooktacular. Refreshments including lunches, teas, snacks and a special Halloween menu available. At Montacute TV Radio Toy Museum, South Street. Telephone 01935 823024, email info@montacutemuseum.co.uk or visit www.montacutemuseum.co.uk for more details.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 26TH
ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group are holding a public meeting when John Gray, a local Quaker, will talk about 'Quaker Peace Testimony' at the Minster Rooms, from 7:30pm. All welcome - entry £2 including tea/coffee.
MERRIOTT: A jolly Quiz Night with refreshments at the Tithe Barn, Church Street, from 7:30pm. Come along and have some fun - all welcome. Organised by Merriott Gardening Club. Telephone 01460 72298 for more information.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27TH
SOUTH PETHERTON: Event: Talk on 'Bridges, Bores and Brunel - A history of bridges and other structures on the River Parrett' by David Greenfield, at the Methodist Hall, from 7:30pm-9pm. Organised by South Petherton Local History Group. Telephone 01460 241626 for more information.

THURSDAY 28TH - SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH
MISTERTON: Cabaret Time at Misterton Village Hall. 7 for 7.30pm start. Some adult content, tickets £7.50 adults, £4 children, includes light refreshments. Bar and good raffle each evening. Call 01460 77306 for more details and tickets.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29TH
ILMINSTER: Charity Christmas Cards and Gifts at Meeting House, Ilminster Arts Centre, 10am - 4pm. Telephone 01460 52347 for more details.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH
MERRIOTT: New To You Sale at The Tithe Barn from 10am - 11.30am. Telephone 01460 72704

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH
CREWKERNE: Coffee Morning at the Heritage Centre, East Street from 10am-12.30pm.
ILMINSTER: Ilminster Forum Community Produce Market, with read, honey & preserves, fruit juice, eggs, pork, geese, fruit, vegetables, plants and herbs, all from local producers.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH
CREWKERNE: Evening of Dancing with Ken Westlake playing his keyboard at Crewkerne Conservative Club, from 7pm. £2 per ticket which includes buffet. Tickets available from the club.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 8TH
MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Usual great hampers/prizes, raffle, some tombolas, light refreshments. Plenty of parking. Doors open 6.45, eyes down 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 74982 for more details. Every Monday until December 20th.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH
CREWKERNE: "Travelling the World" - a slide presentation at Crewkerne Methodist Church from 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 72870 for more details.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH
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3. Cut through the stem end of the pumpkin along your outline with a sharp knife or pumpkin-carving tool. Use a back-and-forth slicing motion to cut through the thick, tough skin.
4. Remove the stem end, which will act as a cap, making sure you scrape off any seeds or pulp.
5. Use a large spoon to scoop out the seeds and pulp from inside the pumpkin. Hold the spoon by its bowl to get extra leverage while scooping.
6. Draw a pattern for the face on the clean pumpkin with a felt-tip pen, or scribe the lines into the skin using a pencil. Be sure to make the eyes, nose and mouth large enough; you'll have a hard time cutting out tiny features when you're using a big knife blade to saw through tough skin.
7 Follow your pattern as you cut all the way through the pumpkin.
8. Push the cut-out features gently from the inside of the pumpkin and discard the pieces.
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New Saab 9-4X: world premiere

THE NEW 9-4X brings unique Saab design and engineering values to the growing mid-size crossover segment. With distinctive Scandinavian and aircraft-inspired looks, it also offers car-like handling and ride characteristics that challenge class benchmarks.

Making its world premiere at next month's Los Angeles Auto Show, the 9-4X expands Saab's product portfolio to three car lines and will provide a fresh, alternative choice for independently-minded crossover buyers. It is an important next-step in the Swedish brand's renaissance as an independent premium car manufacturer.

Muscular and sporty to drive, the 9-4X is aligned in looks and size between the 9-3X and new 9-5 saloon. Outside and inside, it communicates its' Saab identity with clean, uncluttered design and signature motifs, such as its wraparound-effect windshield, ice block lighting theme, driver-focused cockpit and flexible cargo handling.

In true Saab tradition, the 9-4X delivers on its sporty persona. It is configured around a unique, purpose-designed crossover body structure, which has been key to delivering its exceptional handling and ride properties. Car-like driving dynamics are supported by Saab's advanced all-wheel-drive system, XWD, and DriveSense adaptive chassis control.

Under the bonnet nestles a compact and efficient V6 turbocharged engine. The 300 hp, 2.8-litre twin-scroll turbocharging engine is mated to six-speed automatic transmissions under adaptive electronic control.

"The 9-4X significantly broadens the appeal of the Saab brand," says Saab Automobile CEO Jan Åke Jonsson. "It gives us entry to the fast-growing crossover segment with a vehicle that reflects our brand values in key areas, such as progressive Scandinavian design and sporty, responsible driving performance. The 9-4X is an exciting package and we're confident it will appeal to many existing Saab owners, as well as win new customers for the brand."

The 9-4X goes on sale in North America in May next year, with sales in Europe and other global markets due to begin from August. UK sales start late in 2011.

Body sculpted by Saab

The 9-4X cuts a broad and powerful stance, with clean, uncluttered lines that echo Saab's Scandinavian design ethos. Its distinctive face, in common with the new 9-5 saloon, draws inspiration from the award-winning Aero X concept car, with a deep, three-port grille and 'ice-block'-effect lighting themes.

Disguised windshield and door pillars create Saab's signature wraparound-effect, the single glasshouse graphic emphasizing the brand's traditional 'cockpit' look. Other exterior Saab identifiers include the shaping of the headlamps, a 'hockey stick' waistline and strong C-pillars complemented by a wraparound-effect rear screen.

The roofline is visually lowered and extended by a rear spoiler integrated in to the tailgate. At the rear, the lighting carries forward a signature introduced by the new 9-5 saloon. An 'ice-block' bar lit by LEDs extends across the lower tailgate and wraps around the light units. Twin rhomboid-shaped exhaust tailpipes are also neatly integrated into the lower bumper molding.

Overall, the 9-4X's bodywork is noticeably free from unnecessary decoration or trim. A dark protective appliqué is applied to the lower body, but there are no wheel-arch claddings or protective body panels.

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Nissan unveils the enhanced 2011 GT-R

NISSAN MOTOR (GB) Ltd has unveiled the enhanced 2011 Nissan GT-R, which is now available to order at Nissan High Performance Centres nationwide.

2011 Nissan GT-R Outline

Since its debut at the Tokyo Motor Show in October 2007, the Nissan GT-R has enthralled its customers as the definitive accessible supercar. The 2011 Nissan GT-R has been developed under the theme of the 'World's best multi-performance and pleasure of responsive driving'. The exterior features more strength and stability, while the traditional creative flair associated with the GT-R's striking appearance has also been updated, to offer improved aerodynamics. A sportier interior complements the enhanced design.

Mechanical

Engine and Transmission

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Body

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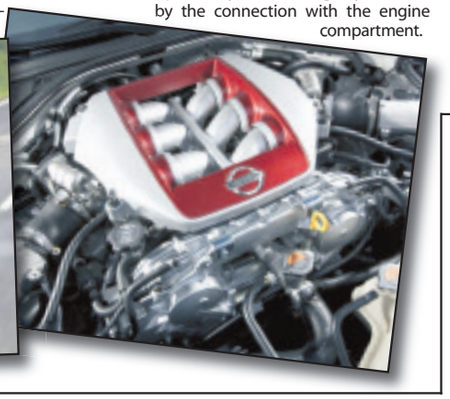

Another emphatic win for Continental

Leading brand tops evo tyre test for second time in 2010

Continental has won evo magazine's tyre test for the second time this year. The brand came top of the test on the front wheel drive Renaultsport Megane 250 Cup. The high end sports car magazine tested Continental's new ContiSportContact 5 P in the popular 19" size; 235/35R19.

The magazine said; "A very solid performance sees the Continental take the win (...). It set the standard in many of the tests, taking an almost clean sweep in the dry tests and rating very highly in the wet tests, too. It also garnered praise for its feel and abilities in the subjective tests."

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STREET SCENE

PHILIP EVANS
reporting on the Perry Street League

streetdigest

£20,000 loan boost for Lyme's clubhouse project

CHARD-based Perry Street League clubs, waiting to meet council officials over the possibility of building changing facilities at Jocelyn Park (see below) will be interested to hear how the local council in Lyme Regis is helping to improve football facilities in the Dorset town.

The Seasiders, having failed to find alternative sites for a new ground because of the size restrictions and instability at the Davey Fort, are rebuilding and extending their clubhouse to provide improved changing accommodation, including separate showers for away team.

But the project has hit severe drainage problems and the cost of the project has spiralled to over £60,000 and caused further delays.

The town council at Lyme, having already given grants of £12,000 to the project, this week approved a £20,000 interest free loan to enable the club to finish the building work which is being carried out voluntarily by club members.

The Perry Street League have allowed Lyme to play all their games away from home but the Seasiders are hoping to install temporary showers and changing accommodation so that they can start playing at home again.

Coronation Cup semi-final draw

CORONATION Cup holders Lyme Regis will meet East Devon villagers Farway United in the semi-final of the Coronation Cup, traditionally played on Boxing Day.

The match will be played on Saturday, November 27th at the Davey Fort, assuming the Lyme ground will be open by then with their rebuilding programme continuing at a pace.

Farway have never won the coveted trophy but Lyme have been winning finalists on seven occasions.

The other semi-final, to be played on the same day, will be between Perry Street and Ilminster Reserves.

All change at Jocelyn Park?

CHARD UNITED and Chard Rangers are due to meet with the town council's amenities committee on Sunday to see if it would be possible to get permission to build changing rooms at Jocelyn Park.

Teams playing on the park's two pitches currently have to change across the town at the Chard Cricket Club pavilion and the cost of doing so has risen from £20 to £50 per game.

Petherton open up gap at top of the Premier division

SOUTH Petherton have opened up a six points lead at the top of the Perry Street Premier division after humbling main challengers Merriott Rovers 3-0 on Saturday.

Petherton have played one more game (six) than the following pack but the victory would have sent out a clear message to the other title contenders, especially champions Lyme Regis.

The third and fourth placed sides, Beaminster and Lyme, were both on Coronation Cup duty on Saturday and will be keen to narrow the gap this coming weeekend.

Beaminster entertain Barrington, sixth in the table with five points from four games. Lyme were due to travel to Ilminster Reserves who sit in fifth place, but this game has been postponed.

Coronation Cup

HOLDERS Lyme Regis kept their hopes of retaining the trophy alive with a 2-1 victory in a scrappy game at Combe St Nicholas and a place in the semi-final.

Lyme took the lead after 20 minutes through Jason Hawker, one of three players drafted into the side by manager Robin Townsend after the Seasiders' poor performance against Beaminster the week before.

The former Bridport player headed home from close range from an Adam Caddy flick-on after the home team failed to deal with a corner.

Combe got back on equal terms five minutes before the break when they scored from a quick breakaway through Garry Warren. It came from an excellent move from inside their own half which was finished well.

It took Lyme until five minutes before the final whistle to book their semi-final place. Skipper Adam Caddy put the ball away when a Joel Gostling shot was parried by the keeper.

Combe had a glorious chance to make it 2-2 in a one-on-one with the Lyme keeper, Ashley Caddy, but Warren's touch let him down.

Hutchings admitted it wasn't a great football spectacle – "not like the old Combe-Lyme games" – but thought that over 90 minutes the home team just shaded it.

He was full of praise for lone front-runner Stuart Bicknell, describing his workrate and performance as "tremendous" and considered it to be a good all round showing.

Ilminster Reserves also got through to the semi-final with a 4-2 extra-time victory over high-riding Beaminster.

Following their excellent 1-0 victory over Premier champions Lyme Regis last week, this was a disappointing result for Beaminster.

The score was 2-2 after full time with Beaminster's goals coming from Sam Crocker after 20 minutes and Ben Warren (87 minutes).

On target for Ilminster in normal time were Mike Whitfield and Ian Masters with Masters and Paul Stoodley grabbing the extra-time winners.

Beaminster manager Shaun Annettes did not help their cause by using all the substitute which meant that his team played half of the second half and all of extra-time with only ten men as Murray Legg had to go off with a hamstring injury.

Division One Cup

TOP Perry Street performance of the day came from Crewkerne who sauntered into the semi-final of the Division One Cup with a 11-2 victory over Norton Athletic.

Paul Gold hit a hat-trick with Gavin Charles, Barry Hayne and Kev Wheller getting two apiece. Jamie Spurdle and Lee Banks also weighed in with strikes for the Tigers.

Sam Hall and Ashley Rose replied for Norton who admitted they were "played off by the park by some superb football".

Premier Division

FROM 2005 to 2008, South Petherton reigned supreme in the Premier division, winning the title three years on the trot.

Clear message to Premier contenders

Before that run of success, Petherton's only othet success in the top flight came in the early 1960s when they won it on two successive seasons.

Last season Petherton were beaten into second place by Lyme Regis but if their performance last Saturday is anything to go by they are determined to win back the league's top honour. Petherton banged in three goals in emphatic style without reply against their nearest contenders, Merriott Rovers.

Goals from man of the match Tim John, Dean Smith and Danny Rendell secured the points.

Petherton are without a league game this coming Saturday so Merriott will be hoping to make up ground with a home clash with Farway United.

Division One

WINSHAM United continued their unbeaten form in Division One with a 3-2 win at Thorncombe and will surely make that five on the trot when they meet bottom side Charmouth this Saturday. Winsham were coasting to victory with a two-goal lead at half-time, courtesy of goals from Tom Stead and John Simmons.

Stuart Packer pulled one back for Thorncombe after the break Jon-Paul Doyle restored United's dominance soon with substitute Richard Gorse getting Thorncombe's second.

Ilminster Colts, second from bottom, found themselves on the wrong end of a 6-1 thrashing by high riding Millwey Rise, George Miles getting the consolation goal, and Forton Rangers picked up a point at home to Lyme Regis Reserves, thanks to an own goal.

Division Two

TOP South Somerset side in Division Two Crewkerne Rangers also conceded six goals to top side Beaminster Reserves, their lone reply coming from Andy Loveless.

Division Three

MISTERTON maintained the dominant form at the top of Division Three, banging in nine goals without reply at home to Farway United Reserves. Ricky Smith top scored with a hat-trick.

Luso-Chard also hit nine away to Drimpton without reply, a hat-trick coiming from Marco Quedos to bring his tally for the season to 14.

Division Four

LEADERS West & Middle Chinnock handed out a 11-1 thrashing ar home to Shepton Reserves with Danny Rudge banghing in four goals.

In second place on the same number of points but lagging on goal difference are Combe St Nicholas B who recorded a 4-2 win at home to Barrington Reserves with Jay Stewart getting a brace.

■ **THORNCOMBE FC who currently sit in the lower half of Division One, line-up, back row from left: Gary Parsley (Manager), Jez Kerswell, Dan Winter, Stuart Packer, Andrew Sochon, Russell Gage, Kevin Crouch, Carl Clark. Front: Tom Callow, Karl Smith, Lee Fisher, Nick Gray, John Allan, Marc Parsley.**

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

DIVISION ONE CUP - Quarter-final (2pm)
Perry Street Res v Millwey Rise

REG EGLON CUP - Round One (2pm)
Barrington Res v Chard Rangers Res
Combe B v Shepton Beau Res
Hinton Res v Hawkchurch Utd Res

PREMIER
Beaminster v Barrington
Combe Res v W & M Chinnock
Ilminster Res v Lyme Regis
Merriott Rovers v Farway United
Misterton v Perry Street

DIVISION ONE
Charmouth v Winsham United
Ilminster Colts v Lyme Regis Res
Netherbury v forton Rangers
Thorncombe v Norton Athletic

DIVISION TWO
Chard Rangers v Dowlish & Donyatt
Hawkchurch v Forton Res
Pymore v Shepton Beau
South Petherton Res v Hinton
Uplyme v Crewkerne Rangers

DIVISION THREE
Crewkerne Res v Drimpton
Farway United Res v Combe A
Luso-Chard v Chard United
Millwey Rise Res v Lyme Regis Bantams
Winsham Res v Misterton Res

DIVISION FOUR
Chard United Res v Ilminster Town A
W & M Chinnock Res v Thorncombe Res

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Weekender Sport puts Chard Rangers manager Justin Mason ... ON THE SPOT - see page 31

RUGBY REVIEW

Chard's 300 points in four games

By **Keith Jenkin**

WHATEVER has happened to the Somerset Premier League? Over recent years I have been emphasising the fact that it is one of the most competitive divisions about, with most of its clubs capable of turning over the others on any given day.

In fact I seem to recall that CHARD'S biggest win last season was over the already promoted Bristol Harlequins side.

Contrast that with the fact that, during their last four league games, they have scored some 300 points, culminating in that 133-0 win over Imperial on Saturday last, achieved on a day on which they were one or two short of full complement.

Now I know Chard to be a good side, and one that is playing well at the moment. If they maintain their present form they will most certainly be about when the promotion bouquets are handed out in April.

I hesitate to affirm that they are as good as last Saturday's result would seem to suggest however for, although they did not in any way give up, Imperial were a poor side indeed.

A glance at the league table also would tend to suggest that it has something of the NAAFI sandwich about it, with several teams on top, several more at the bottom, and with not too much in between.

Chard travel to meet one of the mid table teams, Midsomer Norton, on Saturday next. These opponents have not had the best start to their season and, interestingly, do seem to do better when playing away from home. In normal circumstances I would suggest that Chard would come out on top by a couple of scores. At this moment in time they could well win more convincingly than that.

Something of a mini revival is taking place over the hill at CREWKERNE. After a quiet start to their league campaign they have now won three games in a row and the question is, can they make it four of a kind when they travel to Wells 2nd on Saturday?

I think that they may do just that for, although their opponents occupy a rather higher position in the Somerset League Division Two (South) at the moment, the Henhayes mob seem to be improving weekly and are also gaining in confidence. If they continue this improvement they will have a chance but it will be close, and a loss should not detract from the fact that they are progressing.

As to the second sides, Chard seconds, top of the Somerset league Division Two (South) table as they are, will probably lose that position by Saturday night; for it is their turn to kick their heels and be without a game, while all others play.

Chard thirds however face a real toughie when they travel to take on their Hornets counterparts. Chard lie in a respectable mid table place in division three while their opponents top the heap and will therefore be strong opposition.

● **FIXTURES October 23rd: Chard v Midsomer Norton (away); Chard 2nd v Spare Week; Chard 3rd v Hornets 3rd (away); Crewkerne v Wells 2nd (away).**

■ **CHARD 3rds try to stop Weymouth's Les Moon from scoring one of his two tries in Saturday's friendly**

SPORTS RESULTS...

ILMINSTER & DISTRICT SKITTLES LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE: Carnival Clingons (S.Lee + A.Berry 47) 348-1, Flying Turkeys 406-11 (S.House 55); Crown Faces (N.Jenkins 56) 370 - 11, Cricketers 348-1 (A.Gray 52); Royals 393-1 (J.Miles 70), Rocky's Rollers 425 -11 (S.Hoskin 70); King's Head (bye); Ashill Inn 340-10 (V.Woodland 46), Hatch Beagles 337-2 (M.Grabham 49).

Last week's results: Rocky's Rollers 322-2 (Andy Rocket 49) King's Head 348-10 (M.Tilley 51); Cricketers 375-2 (T.Lloyd 54), Carnival Clingons 397 -10 (M.Rowley 60).

Division One	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ashill Inn	6	5	0	1	53
Royals	7	4	0	3	45
Flying Turkeys	6	3	0	3	37
Cricketers	6	3	0	3	37
Rocky's Rollers	6	3	0	3	36
Crown Faces	6	2	0	4	30
Hatch Beagles	6	2	0	4	29
Kings Head	6	2	0	4	28
Clingons*	5	3	0	2	21

* 10 points deducted

Division One Highest Score: J.Miles 70 (Royals), S.Hoskin 70 (Rockys Rollers).

DIVISION TWO: Nomads 348-9 (K.Crouch 52), Bell A 340-3 (G.Lawrence 54); Bell Broadway (bye); Wyndham Arms 305-3 (W.Hollard + A.Carnell), Royal Oak 326 -9 (D.Lane 49); Hatch Eggs 330-3 (Colin 51), Ashill Boys 349 -9 (B.Smart 51); Bell Clangers 319-1 (N.Mapstone 54), Donyatt BC 356-11 (P.Kneeshaw 56).

Last week's results: Bell Broadway 382-11 (O.Taylor 64), Ashill Boys 347-1 (J. White 54).

Division Two	P	W	D	L	Pts
Nomads	6	5	0	1	56
Royal Oak	6	4	0	2	46
Ashill Boys	7	4	0	3	45
Donyatt BC	6	4	0	2	44
Bell Broadway	6	4	0	2	41
Bell A	6	3	0	3	39
Wyndham Arms	6	3	0	3	36
Hatch Eggs	7	0	0	7	16
Bell Clangers*	6	2	0	4	14

*10 points deducted

Division Two Highest Score: M.Boobyer 65 (Ashill Boys).

CHEDINGTON COURT GOLF CLUB

Sat 16th Oct (Weekend Stableford): Division One - 1st, James Prendergast, 42pts; 2nd, Roy Warry, 41pts OCB; 3rd, Adrian Dew, 41pts OCB. Division Two: 1st, Bradley Johnson, 41pts; 2nd, Mark Joslin, 39pts OCB; 3rd, Tyler Lennox-Gordon, 39pts OCB

Sun 17th Oct (Scramble League): 1st, Ian Darvelle, Mark Stockford & Richard Forster, nett 57.1; 2nd, Paul Wills, Chris Gingell & Dave Manning, nett 59.1; 3rd, Steve Fussell, Nick Taylor & Robin Samways, nett 59.6.

Robins fail to halt slide to foot of Div One table

SENIOR FOOTBALL

By **Philip Evans**

WITH two difficult games on the horizon, Chard Town could find themselves entrenched at the foot of the Toolstation Western League Division One after Saturday's disappointing defeat at home to Shrewton United.

The Robins now find themselves second from bottom, one point above Westbury United, but on Saturday they face a tough away trip to third placed Hengrove Athletic followed by a match against table toppers Merthyr Town.

Chard manager Glynn Shaw, however, is still keeping faith with his side and is confident they will be able to turn the corner.

The Shrewton game was one that Shaw had targeted to win and the Robins started bright enough with George Chlopecki giving them an early lead.

Chard could have extended their lead in a good opening 20 minutes but the normally reliable Sam Clark missed a penalty.

They lost the initiative when the visitors got back on terms just before the interval and then stormed into a 3-1 lead after the break.

Clark made amends in the second half with a header - his ninth goal in nine games - to reduce the arrears but Shrewton completed a disappointing afternoon for the Zembard Lane fans when they added another to secure the 4-2 victory.

ILMINSTER TOWN will be hoping to kick-start their Somerset Senior Division One form after pulling off a minor shock in the Errea County League Cup with a 1-0 home win over Minehead, the goal coming late in the game from Nick Whaites.

Manager Darren Manley is hoping that the victory will give his side the confidence to rejuvinate their league campaign when they entertain struggling Portishead Town on Saturday.

Manley is looking to add a couple of new players to his squad in a bid to climb into the top half of Division One.

COMBE St NICHOLAS manager Ivor Hutchings spent Saturday afternoon watching his Reserves go out of the Perry Street League Coronation Cup to holders Lyme Regis as the first team never had a fixture.

Hutch doesn't see much Perry Street football these days and whilst he was not over impressed with the standard of football, he thought his side deserved better than the 1-2 scoreline.

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Wincanton Racecourse Weekly Round-up

by Joe Tizzard

CRACKING START TO THE SEASON

MY dad, Colin Tizzard, unveiled an exciting team of horses for the forthcoming jump season last Thursday (Oct 14th) for Wincanton Racecourse's press day.

Over 30 journalists were present with further exposure in the *Racing Post* and *Horse & Hound*. Intac won the Higos Insurance Services Handicap Chase - finishing the day off in style.

CHELTENHAM VICTORY

ON SATURDAY, I had another winner at Cheltenham on Killmurry in the 2m Novice Chase.

It was his first run for us since we brought him from Ireland and we are over the moon, especially as he was giving weight all round.

The plan will be back to Cheltenham for the mid-November Open meeting with the Arkle as the long term strategy.

Killmurry is independently owned by Shaftesbury-based John Romans, who came into racehorse ownership through a yard syndicate with Intac and has caught the racing bug!

Match decided at end of first half

Exeter University 3 Chard Ladies 1st 0

■ **HOCKEY:** THREE goals in five minutes towards the end of the first half settled the result of this match, as the hosts played some entertaining hockey against a Chard team that huffed and puffed but didn't quite play to their full potential on the day.

The first goal proved crucial. With neither side in the accendency, the students were awarded a penalty corner, which was mishit and bobbled past the wrongfooted Dewick in goal.

This gave impetus to Exeter who benefitted from another soft goal and then a third from a well struck reverse stick shot.

In the second half there were chances for more goals at both ends, with Sterland making a miraculous goaline clearance, and breaks from McDermott and Blackshaw that promised much without being ruthless enough in the 'D.'

Mel Clarke and Kate Dykes again turned in very strong perfomances for Chard, who must next face league favourites Taunton Vale missing several key players.

However this will give opportunities to several fringe players to stake a claim for a regular first team place. Many thanks to match sponsors, Albert Goodman accountants.

Team: Anna Dewick, Lisa Cox, Mel Clarke, EJ Sterland, Katy Jones, Sophie Kelly, Kate Dykes, Alice Turnock, Aimee Dellow, Sarah Mcdermott, Lyndsay Blackshaw.

Bowls round-up

■ **CHARD:** Chard short mat bowlers have been playing in the Milford and Dormor Open Triples Thursday Afternoon League.

On Thursday, October 7th, the results were as follows: The Magpies, 4 shots, The Greyhounds, 11 shots; Somerset Six, 9 shots, The Hurricanes, 14 shots; Westway, 16 shots, The Canaries, 8 shots.

Thursday, October 14th: East Coker A,10 shots, The Magpies 9 shots; Westway, 13 shots, Somerset Six, 12 shots; The Hurricanes, 11 shots, The Canaries, 9 shots.

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Referees' need for consistency

YEOVIL Town will feel aggrieved at not earning a point from their encounter with Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, and with a little more luck they might well have.

However they didn't have a player of Jermaine Johnson's calibre in their side that turned the game the Owls' way on 71 minutes. Having been dogged by a hamstring injury he picked up in January, the Jamaican international had a stop-start end to last season, and this was his first taste of action in this campaign.

In the previous ten minutes he had been on the field, he showed a quality seldom seen at League One level. Despite the best attentions of Craig Allcock and Paul Huntingdon - neither slouches themselves - his speed and ball control was dazzling, and the the way he took his goal showed a lot of class.

He turned inside two defenders before unleashing a delicious right foot curler from 25 yards just beyond the fingertips of Stephen Henderson and inside the far post.

A late penalty when Luke Ayling tripped Jon Otsemobor rubbed salt into the wound especially as a late assault on the visitors' goal saw the ball scrambled off the line three times in one incident before Owain Tudor-Jones struck the angle of the goal frame in added time where Owls keeper Nicky Weaver ripped the net from the post in trying to get to the ball, resulting in a delay for running repairs.

On a weekly basis you see contradiction in the decisions between the men in black

I have been critical of Terry Skiverton and his team's performances earlier in the season, but they have recently picked up two good away wins as well as putting in good home displays against Southampton and Sheffield Wednesday. In both games refereeing decisions could have affected the result.

There has been debate in the national media for a few years about the need for consistency among referees, ensuring that they interpret the rules and award decisions in a manner that every footballer can rely upon regardless of the individual.

That has yet to be perfected, and on a weekly basis you see contradiction in the decisions between the men in black.

However I don't see how that can be achieved until they eradicate individual inconsistentencies.

This is more prevalent the lower down the pyramid you go, and Saturday's referee Graham Scott who has been on the National List since 2008, is a typical example of such inconsistency.

I have great sympathy with the official when the crowd are baying for his blood after he misses what they see as a blatant offence, as sometimes they are shielded from the play and unable to see. However having watched Mr Scott closely on Saturday, I can see why so many players get frustrated to the point they get booked for being too vocal in their disgust at the decision, or often non-decision, or take retribution.

Despite having a clear view of incidents on several occasions he failed to be consistent; one moment penalising what appeared to be an innocuous situation, and then later ignoring a more serious version.

Even with the help of his assistant who was much nearer than he was, he failed to see a clear stamping by Owls skipper Darren Purse on Gavin Williams, which with around a quarter of the match still left may have had a different outcome on the game.

It may not have been significant in the end, but consistency from the officials would help reduce some of the aggravation on the pitch.

Great performance at Weston-super-Mare gala

Swimming

MEMBERS of Chard and District Swimming Club competed in the Somerset Development Gala held at Hutton Moor, Weston-super-Mare during the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd, ***writes STEPH HALLAM.***

In all, 49 personal bests were gained by participants, with the Lillington Brothers excelling as top performers for the club bagging seven gold medals between them.

Other first positions were achieved by Melissa Hanson (12) in the 100m Backstroke, Leo Kindred (9) in the 50m Freestyle, Henry Taswell (9) in the 200m Freestyle and Charlie Kendall (10) in the 50m Backstroke.

Top eight positions were as follows:- **50m Freestyle -** *9 years:* Leo Kindred (1st); *11 years:* Florence Swan (7th); *12 years:* Ashley Lillington (1st), Melissa Hanson (3rd), Sam Minson (5th); *13 years:* Jake Harvey (6th); *15 years:* Jacob Crofton (5th).

100m Freestyle - *12 years:* Ashley Lillington (1st), Mollie Simpson (3rd).

200m Freestyle - *9 years:* Henry Taswell (1st); *10 years:* Charlie Kendall (3rd), Tamsin Edge (6th), Ella Harvey (7th), Ben Greenslade (8th); *12 years:* Jamie Lillington (1st), Ashley Lillington (3rd).

50m Breaststroke - *12 years:* Sam Minson (3rd); *13 years:* Alex Phillips (3rd), Jake Harvey (4th).

100m Breaststroke - *12 years:* Sam Minson (3rd); *13 years:* Jay Kindred (4th), Lauren Real (6th), Alex Phillips (6th).

200m Breaststroke - *9 years:* Jessica Patch (3rd); *13 years:* Jay Kindred (2nd), Alex Phillips (5th).

50m Backstroke - *9 years:* Jamie Hannaford (4th); *10 years:* Charlie Kendall (1st), Ella Harvey (5th), Tamsin Edge (6th), Ryan Adair (7th), Ben Greenslade (8th); *12 years:* Jamie Lillington (1st), Ashley Lillington (2nd); *13 years:* Billie-Jo Dance (6th).

100m Backstroke - *12 years:* Melissa Hanson (1st), Jamie Lillington (1st), Ashley Lillington (3rd), Mollie Simpson (3rd); *13 years:* Billie-Jo Dance (6th).

200m Backstroke - *10 years:* Ryan Adair (5th); *12 years:* Jamie Lillington (2nd). Melissa Hanson (4th).

50m Fly - *10 years:* Ella Harvey (2nd); Ryan Adair (7th); Tamsin Edge (8th); *11 years:* Daniella Edge (4th); *12 years:* Jamie Lillington (2nd).

100m Fly - *12 years:* Jamie Lillington (1st); *13 years:* Billie-Jo Dance (2nd).

100m Individual Medley - *9 years:* Henry Taswell (2nd).

200m Individual Medley - *10 years:* Charlie Kendall (2nd), Ella Harvey (4th), Ryan Adair (6th); *12 years:* Jamie Lillington (1st); *13 years:* Jake Harvey (4th).

Other competitors from Chard were: Aline Arnold, Carrie Lewis, Abigail Phillips, Natalie Underwood, Abigail Bonning and Tom Simpson.

TOP SWIMMERS | Joe Spurway and Daniella Edge were named Swimmers of the Month for September

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Gates open at 11:15am and the first of the six races comes under starters orders at 1:15pm, with the feature race being the FJ Chalke Desert Orchid Handicap Chase. The last race is at 5:15pm.

The complimentary on-course attractions - face painting, bouncy castle and a variety of trade stands - will be open throughout the day.

There will also be a silent auction near the Paddock Marquee, where fabulous purchases from oil paintings to theatre tickets can be made with all monies going to the two nominated charities.

Advanced tickets are available from £6 on 0844 5793014 or by booking online at www.wincanton racecourse.co.uk.

Under 18s go free. Tickets can also be purchased on the day.

■ **LUSO CHARD HALLOWEEN NIGHT**

LUSO Chard is organising a Halloween Night on Saturday, October 30th at Crowshute Link, Chard.

The event starts at 7:30pm and runs until 2am. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £4 for children (8 to 13-years-old).

The price includes traditional Portuguese buffet, Halloween mask and fancy dress competition for childrens and adults. There are also prizes for the most original costumes.

Bookings can be made via email by contacting aurelio.horta@southsomerset.gov.uk until October 26th.

ON THE SPOT...

***WEEKENDER SPORT* PUTS *JUSTIN MASON,* MANAGER OF CHARD RANGERS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT**

Q How long have you been associated with Chard Rangers and in what capacities?

A I have been with Chard Rangers for 14 years as player, team captain, assistant manager, Reserves Team manager, 1st team manager and club secretary!

Q What are your hopes for the club this season?

A I hope both the 1st team and the Reserves can gain promotion after both were relegated last season and some silverware would be nice too, a settled starting 11 would be great also.

Q Who are your tips for the top and bottom two in Perry Street League Division Two this season?

A Beaminster to win the league, Uplyme to be promoted... at this moment in time... ourselves and Forton Res to be relegated (though I hope not!!) so will opt for Hinton and Hawkchurch cos they've beat us!

Q Name the best three players that you have played alongside and why.

A **Alan Bailey** (at Perry Street) - goal-machine of the highest order! **Andy Enticott** (Rangers) - made everything look so easy even when he was getting on a bit(!) **Ben Chubb** - Chard Rangers personified!

Q Name some young Chard Rangers players we should look out for in the future.

A There are alot of youngsters at the club but I would go for: John Mason, Josh Rolfe (both strikers), Lee Davis, Scott Curtis (all defenders) all 17-years-old and new goalkeeper Roman Madry (the eldest at 19).

Q How would you improve things at Chard Rangers FC

A Sort out the changing rooms for a start... and in all honesty, our own pitch would be highly beneficial as well.

NEXT WEEK: Misterton player-manager Jak Flatt

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